Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Are the Government aware of the repeated incidents of fire almost every year in Kunnamkulam?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* As early as possible we will try to have a lorry there. But I do not think a water lorry there is absolutely necessary.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It may be useful everywhere also. It was taken to a more useful place.

ACCUSED IN C. C. 447/18—TALAPPALLI MAGISTRATE'S COURT

246. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether after answering question No. 12 at the last sitting of the Council the Government had occasion to enquire or know about the physique of the accused in C. C. 447/18 Talappalli Magistrate's Court;

(*b*) whether it is a fact or not that the lady, *viz.*, the accused concerned was having fits and hemmorage—actual oozing of pumped up blood from the system through the mouth—in the presence of the Sub-Magistrate in open Court in the Court room and whether the fact is not noted by the Magistrate;

(*c*) whether it is possible to feign an illness in the form adverted to in question (*b*)?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammed Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The question does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*b*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Second Class Magistrate has been addressed on the question contained in sub-division (*b*)?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes. He was enquired of and he has stated that in his presence she had not been behaving in the manner mentioned in the question, and no record has been made in the proceedings.

Announcement regarding election of members to the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr. President: I have to announce that valid nominations for election to the Standing Finance Committee have been received as follows.—

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan	Proposed by Mrs. Thamkamma N. Menon and seconded by Mr. P. Narayana Menon.
„ P. P. Devassy	Proposed by Mr. Kunhirama Menon and seconded by Mr. M. Krishna Menon.
„ Ephraim Ouseph	Proposed by Mr. K. R. Achuthan and seconded by Mr. C. V. Iyyu.
Mrs. K. Joshua	Proposed by Mr. V. K. Kutty and seconded by Mr. C. V. Iyyu.
Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon	Proposed by Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan and seconded by Mr. K. Narayana Menon.

The election will be conducted by the Secretary to Government at 5 this afternoon.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Cochin Municipal Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move that the Cochin Municipal Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Mr. President, Sir, I have complaint only against one amendment, that is, clause 3 of the Bill. Clause 3 is like this.—"'For clause (*b*) of section 3 of the Act, the following shall be and shall always be deemed to have been substituted, namely,—

(*b*) leases granted by Official Receivers or Receivers appointed by courts or by mortgagees or by any person holding under or deriving title from such Receivers or mortgagees'."

Now, section 3 of the Act says.—"This Act shall not apply to lands owned by Government; or (*b*) leases granted by a usufructuary mortgagee or by any person holding under or deriving interest from him,

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